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HAVING SPECIFIC FUNCTION AND ITS GENE FROM NATURAL  
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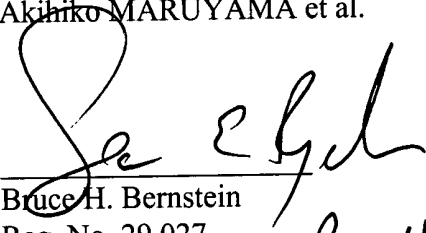
Sir:

Applicants note that the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 24, 2002 incorrectly states "issued in connection with International Application No. PCT/JP94/00938." It should state "issued in connection with International Application No. PCT/JP00/05711," of which the present application is a national stage.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned  
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